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1. COMMENT:

A MAJORITY OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICES BELIEVED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE AGAINST ANY CHILEAN OFFICIALS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO LETELIER TO WARRANT EITHER THEIR EXTRADITION TO

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THE U.S. OR BRINGING THEM TO TRIAL IN CHILE.

THAT THERE IS A SECTOR WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES, PARTICULARLY THE ARMY, WHICH FAVORS AN HONEST RESOLUTION OF THE CHARGES AGAINST OFFICIALS OF THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA) AND NOT A GOVERNMENT COVER-UP.

THAT SUCH A SECTOR COULD EXERT STRONG INFLUENCE ON THE COURT AND TURN THINGS AROUND COMPLETELY.

THAT ULTIMATELY THE MAJORITY OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICES MAY DECIDE THAT IT WOULD BE MORE PRUDENT AND REALISTIC TO ACCUSE, TRY, AND CONVICT GENERAL (R) MANUEL CONTRERAS, FORMER CHIEF OF DINA, AND THE OTHER DINA OFFICIALS ON LESSER CHARGES AND IN THIS WAY TAKE THE TEETH OUT OF THE INEVITABLE CRITICISM WHICH WOULD ACCOMPANY ANY COMPLETE WHITEWASH.

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